

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JUDGE ART DANNER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, the late Judge Art Danner. Art died unexpectedly on Saturday the 28th of January, leaving a void in both the legal community and the community at large. As a friend, experienced lawyer, Superior Court Judge and respected public servant, Art heavily impacted Santa Cruz County, and it is fitting that we honor him today. Art is survived by his wife, Betty Danner; his parents, Arthur Danner Jr. and Marie Danner; and his sons, Arthur and Andrew Danner.

Art was revered in Santa Cruz for his commitment to justice and the strength of his personal convictions. Art built a reputation for tenacity as the district attorney for Santa Cruz County, as each of his cases was debated with patience and fortitude. This determination was characteristic of Art throughout his career as a prosecutor. As district attorney, he was known for his tireless pursuit of justice and was acutely aware of his responsibility to the public as the chief law enforcement officer in the County. This sense of responsibility and service resonated throughout the community, instilling public confidence in the judiciary and the Judge himself.

Art retained these qualities as a jurist, proving to be dynamic in approach and pragmatic in his application of the law. In the courtroom, he applied himself with imagination and fervor, showing himself to be a considerate and pensive judge, ensuring that every case before him was decided in accordance with established law and the principles of justice, liberty and equality.

As a member of the society, he was held in the same high regard. Community groups have recognized Art for his tireless work as a prosecutor, judge and active citizen. For all that knew him, both in his professional and personal capacity, he was an inspiration and is regarded as a man of integrity and unrelenting diligence. Today we honor the memory and cherish the legacy of Judge Art Danner.

HONORING JUDGE SHARON S.
TOWNSEND

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a respected jurist, a dedicated public servant and a trusted friend upon the occasion of her selection as recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Interclub Council of Western New York.

Judge Sharon S. Townsend is most deserving of this award, as she exemplifies the spirit and character of Susan B. Anthony by her record of professionalism, community service and achievements. Judge Townsend was the first woman in the Eighth Judicial District to be appointed Administrative Judge, a position she assumed in January 2003.

This fine judge's career is marked by her election to the New York State Supreme Court in November 2003, and she was previously elected to the Family Court in 1992 and re-elected to a second 10-year term in November 2001. Judge Townsend's community service also includes seven years as Justice in the Village of Williamsville.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Townsend's involvement in a variety of civic and community organizations have made their mark on the community. She serves on the Board of Trustees and was a model court lead judge for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In 1995, she was appointed a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. Since 2003, she has served as a member of Chief Judge Kaye's Adoption Now Task Force, and she served as chair of the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration for four years.

Her community activities reflect this dedication to Western New York. Her activities, among others, include, YWCA Public Leadership Alumnae Network, Governor's Commission on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bryn-Lyn Community Hospital Advisory Board, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and Gates Circle Operating Boards, Erie Community College North Advisory Board, and served as an adjunct professor at Medaille College.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. Judge Townsend was recipient of the Erie County Court Appointed Special Advocates Light of Hope Award, the Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award from the Erie County Judges and Police Conference, and the Erie County Bar Association named her Jurist of the Year in 2001. In March 2004, she was recognized as one of the Women Making History in Erie County, and the next year she received from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western Chapter, the Lady Justice Award, named in memory of Judge Townsend's mentor, the Honorable M. Dolores Denman.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of and in gratitude for her service, leadership and patriotism, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Judge Sharon S. Townsend upon receiving the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Interclub Council of Western New York.

HONORING THE PEOTONE FIRE-
MAN FOR 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Peotone Firemen who are celebrating 125 years of service to the Village of Peotone and the surrounding area. The Peotone Fire Protection District lies wholly within the 11th Congressional District in Illinois.

In 1881, the Village of Peotone purchased its first fire truck and the first drill for the volunteer firemen was held on April 15, 1881 under the command of Captain John Fedde. In 1924 a Model T Fire Truck was purchased. The Rural Fire District was formed in 1940 and a tanker was purchased in 1953 that could carry 1,000 gallons of water. In 1975, the Fire Dis-

trict purchased an ambulance and had the first operational paramedics in will County.

1978 was a banner year for the Fire District. The voters passed a resolution to support an ambulance service, the Peotone Fire Protection District was established and the Peotone Fire Protection District accepted the Peotone Fire Department as the organization to protect the residents of the district from fire; promote fire protection and prevention; and to provide emergency medical services to district residents. A new fire station broke ground in March 1992 and was dedicated to the memory of Trustee Gerald Borchardt in 1993.

Today, the Peotone Fire Protection District has approximately 50-volunteer and part-time dedicated personnel under the direction of Fire Chief John Young. The district maintains a modern and well-equipped station at 7550 West Joliet Road in Peotone and also operates two Advanced Life Support ambulances. Residents in the entire Peotone area can rest assured they are well protected by firemen from the Peotone Fire Protection District.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other individuals in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

HONORING HOWARD T. PAGE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Tom Page for his many years of service to his community. Starting in 1958, Mr. Page devoted 30 years of his life to the Barrington Police Department, climbing the ranks from patrolman to chief. His service did not end there. He went on to represent Barrington, New Jersey, as a councilman for a total of 7 years, with a term as mayor in between.

Mr. Page took time out of his busy schedule to coach in and manage the Barrington Little League and Girl's Softball League. He is a past member of the Barrington Ambulance Corps., the PBA Local 328, and a past associate member of the Barrington Fire Co. Tom is retired from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the ex-president of Camden County Police Chiefs Assoc. Currently, Tom Page works for Camden County Department of Corrections as a training officer.

Tom Page is a pillar in my community, and he has served us well for 43 years. I express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Page for over four decades of service to his community.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 657, which has been offered by Mr. KENNEDY from